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Waste Pit Project update

The second of 19 phases of pit excavation will begin in late September. Phase 2 will involve the excavation of approximately 130,000 tons of waste from Pit 1, Pit 3, and part of Pit 2, and will take 10 months to complete. Fernald plans to initiate the standard start-up review of the two rotary dryers and gas and water treatment facilities in the near future. This rigorous safety review is required prior to full-scale operation of the treatment facilities. Fernald also plans to transport the ninth train of contaminated soil from the Waste Pits Project in late September. For more information about the Waste Pits Project, contact Dave Lojek, DOE-FEMP project manager, 513-648-3127, email: dave_lojek@fernald.gov.

Waste and material shipping update

- Over a four-week period, Fernald will transport 28 trucks containing approximately 700,000 net pounds of thorium hydroxide to the Nevada Test Site (NTS). Each truck will contain shipping containers of the dry, powdery material. The shipments are scheduled for completion in early October. Fernald will also transport empty, enriched T-hoppers and process area scrap by truck to NTS.
- Nuclear material shipments to Portsmouth continue at a rate of five to 10 trucks per week. As of Sept. 7, Fernald has safely shipped a total of 103 trucks containing 2.8 million net pounds of nuclear material to Portsmouth. Fernald expects to meet the project shipping goal of 3.5 million net pounds by Sept. 30.

For more information about the Waste Management Project, contact John Sattler, DOE-FEMP project manager, 513-648-3145, email: john_sattler@fernald.gov.

Valuable technology deployed to other DOE sites

By the end of September, Fluor Daniel Fernald Technology Programs will facilitate the transfer of two remote controlled forklifts to Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL), a DOE site located near Idaho Falls. The robotic forklifts were used during the Thorium Overpack Project at Fernald in which severely deteriorating 55-gallon drums were safely removed and overpacked. Transferring proven technologies is a win-win situation for everyone involved.

New security posture to begin

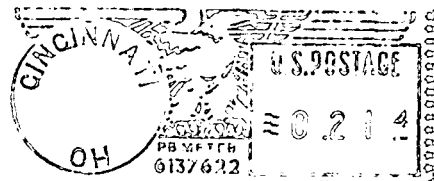
In response to a DOE directive, Fernald will change its site access requirements. This fall security officers will be required to physically inspect the badge of every individual entering the site. Team members and visitors will be required to come to a complete stop at the site entry guard posts and hand their badge to the security officer for inspection. Please remember to use extreme caution and pay special attention to the possibility of increased traffic near the guard posts when entering the site. For more information about the new security posture, contact Gary Stegner, DOE-FEMP Public Affairs, 513-648-3153, email: gary_stegner@fernald.gov.

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Site monitoring reports available

The *Integrated Site Environmental Report* is now available at the Public Environmental Information Center, 513-648-7480, and online at www.fernald.gov. (under Key Projects, Environmental Monitoring). The report presents results from environmental monitoring activities conducted during 1998 calendar year, and a summary of the site's compliance status during the year.

1999 United Way Campaign

The Fernald United Way campaign is scheduled to conclude on Sept. 30. Fluor Daniel Fernald hopes to raise \$130,000 through team member pledge cards and fund raising activities.

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